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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR
APRIL 7, 1976:

Q. ARE THEY TRAINING PLO PEOPLE IN CUBA?

A. I DO NOT KNOW.

Q. WELL, COULD YOU FIND OUT FOR ME, PLEASE?

A. I WILL CHECK.

Q. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU ABOUT THE TRANSITIONAL QUARTER
AID QUESTION. THIS CAME UP AT THIS BRIEFING ABOUT THREE
WEEKS AGO, OR EVEN LONGER, AND, AS I RECALL, YOUR STATE-
MENT THEN WAS THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WAS NOT SEEKING THE
ADDITIONAL AID BUT IF IT WAS PRO-RATED ACROSS THE BOARD
IT WOULD NOT OBJECT TO IT.

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A. TO ALL COUNTRIES.

Q. THAT'S RIGHT. NOW, APPARENTLY THE ADMINISTRATION HAS
SHARPLY CHANGED ITS MIND. DO YOU HAVE ANY EXPLANATION OF
WHAT HAPPENED?

A. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF, I THINK, PUBLIC LETTERS AND

SIMILAR STATEMENTS MADE BY THE WHITE HOUSE, AND I WILL TRY TO GET THOSE FOR YOU, EXPLAINING THE ADMINISTRATION'S RATIONALE. I PREFER NOT TO TRY TO PARAPHRASE OR IMPROVISE HERE.

Q. WERE YOU SPEAKING WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS AT THE TIME?

A. NO, BUT AT THAT TIME I THINK WHAT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT -- AND I MAY BE IN ERROR -- BUT I RECALL AT THAT TIME, THE BILL UNDER CONSIDERATION -- DID NOT PROVIDE FOR A PRO-RATED ALLOCATION AROUND THE WORLD, BUT WAS LIMITED TO THE MIDDLE EAST. AND THE ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION HAD BEEN INITIALLY, I BELIEVE, THAT IT SHOULD BE PRO-RATED IN A MORE GENERAL WAY.

Q. HAVE YOU ANY MORE WORD -- MAYBE YOU ANSWERED THIS YESTERDAY OR MONDAY -- ON BROWN'S CONTACT WITH LEBANESE LEADERS? SPECIFICALLY, HAS HE MADE ANY CONTACT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ANY PLACE ANYWHERE WITH THE PLO OR RELATED TYPES?

A. NO. HIS CONTACTS HAVE BEEN WITH THE LEBANESE PARTIES THEMSELVES AND LEBANESE LEADERS.

Q. ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, HAS THE DECISION TO HAVE A NEW FRENCH PEACE MISSION IN LEBANON BEEN TAKEN IN CONSULTATION WITH YOU?

A. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT WAS TAKEN IN CONSULTATION WITH US, NO. I THINK THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT MADE THAT DECISION.

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